

## SAINT CYRS TO TAKE LEASE ON HOME IN CONNECTICUT AVE.

Couple Will Move Into One of Capital's Show Places at Once.

## TO ENTERTAIN LAVISHLY

Family Brought Into Limelight by Recent Sensational Newspaper Stories.

Jean Harold St. Cyr, whose marriage to the widow of James Henry Smith, known to Wall Street as "Silent" Smith, last April, attracted wide attention, has leased one of Washington's most palatial homes.

Recently Mr. St. Cyr has been in the spotlight because of sensational stories printed about his past history. Mr. St. Cyr, it is understood, will take for six weeks the Nathaniel H. Luttrell residence at 2101 Connecticut avenue.

The St. Cyrs are to be given immediate occupancy of the house. The building is one of the show homes of Washington. It stands facing Connecticut avenue, at the junction of Columbia road. It is luxuriously furnished, and its site makes it especially imposing.

Arrangements Made Quietly. Arrangements for leasing the home were made so quietly that not a word of it leaked out until the papers were signed, and sent today to a local real estate broker, to be turned over to Mr. Luttrell.

It is understood that the St. Cyrs intend to entertain on a lavish scale. The home they have leased is well adapted for the most elaborate social functions. It ranks as a show place with the Lars Anderson, the Edson Bradley, and the Mrs. Richard Townsend homes. Last season it was leased by Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh.

Mrs. Saint Cyr was Mrs. James Henry Smith, of London, heiress to \$50,000,000 upon the death of "Silent" Smith, and is no other of the Duchess Viscountess. The husband of the Duchess Viscountess was the Prince Miguel de Braganza, pretender to the throne of Portugal.

Mrs. Saint Cyr is an elder sister of Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel. Her maiden name was Annie Armstrong, and she was a daughter of Gen. John A. Armstrong, of Baltimore. She was married to William Rhineland Stewart, Jr., and it was his daughter, Miss Anita Stewart, who became the wife of Prince Miguel.

Mrs. Saint Cyr was urged to finance a movement to overthrow the present government and establish her son-in-law as the monarch of Portugal, but she turned a deaf ear to these proposals.

Acquired Vast Fortune. While Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were still living in New York, James Henry Smith, who had been an obscure broker, came into prominence. He acquired a vast fortune in 1890 as principal heir of his uncle, George Smith, a Western pioneer.

Then it was that Smith bought a home at Tuxedo and began to entertain some of New York's wealthiest families. Among those frequently at his home were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

In 1904 Mrs. Stewart, accompanied by her daughter, went to South Dakota to obtain a divorce. The decree was filed in August, 1905, and one month later she married the Duke of Devonshire. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were read in the Parish Church of Alvie, Inverness, Scotland.

The marriage took place at Newtonmore, in Scotland, home of Anthony J. Drexel. Soon after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith began a tour of the world. They were aboard Anthony J. Drexel's yacht, (Continued on Second Page.)

## 'Crones' Postcard Threatens Bishop

Mailed From Portland, Ore.—Believed To Be Genuine by Chicago Police Chief.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A postcard bearing an apparently authentic signature of Jean Crones, avowed principal in the anarchist soup plot, received by Police Chief Healey today, threatened death to "some bishop" at Portland, Ore. The postmark was Portland, February 18.

Healey, though not convinced the card was sent by Crones, says the signature was apparently genuine. The postcard reads: "Portland, Feb. 19, 1916. 'Chief Polis, Chicago: 'I see you are still after me. Why don't you come after me. Maybe I can give you some soup. Look out for some tink to happen here soon. I wish I had got the old bishop and Judge in the soup, but maybe I get him yet. 'I will get some Bishop beer I guess. You took. My true friend. I always go bomb me. Whoever arrest me will blow up with me. 'The fact that Crones dated the card February 19, though Portland, Ore., postmark was 18, was deemed by the police evidence that Crones was setting his taunting messages ahead of their date of mailing in effort to deceive the police.

"It may be the work of a joker," Chief Healey said. "But you never can tell."

## Senate in Maryland Passes Suffrage Bill

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—By a vote of 17 to 10 the senate passed a bill submitting the question of equal suffrage to the voters.

## WILSON THROUGH WITH PARLEYING OVER SUBMARINES

Officials Believe Showdown With Germany May Come in Day or Two.

## DEPENDS ON GERMAN ENVOY

Further Attempts at Evasion Expected to Bring Sharp Note to Berlin.

A showdown between the United States and Germany on the question of submarine warfare may develop within the next day or two.

Everything depends on the kind of instructions which Count von Bernstorff receives from Berlin.

If, as is expected, he will be told by his government to seek to temporize with the United States and endeavor to obtain acquiescence in Germany's new policy of sea terrorism, there is strong likelihood that the next communication from the United States to Berlin will be the sharpest and most abrupt ever sent.

Through With Parleying. President Wilson is described by officials as being done with parleying. For nine months, his friends point out, the President has displayed remarkable patience while the German government has tried by every means possible to avoid giving the satisfaction demanded for the slaughter of the 115 American men, women, and children who went down with the Lusitania.

Already, owing to the vigorous stand which the President has taken, there has been a sudden collapse of the agitation among Democrats in Congress in favor of legislation prohibiting Americans from traveling on armed merchant vessels.

Uppermost among the demands made by the United States was the stipulation that Germany should give absolute assurances that in the future her submarines would live up to the rule of international law requiring warships to avoid attacking merchant vessels.

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President Wilson has told Senator Stone, Senator Kern, Chairman Flood and other Democratic leaders in effect that this is no time to "rock the boat" in Congress.

He has advised strongly that it will be much better for Congress to leave the international situation to the executive end of the Government.

Furthermore, he has given the leaders to understand that it would be to their advantage to have speech-making relative to the foreign situation choked off as far as possible.

Even replies to the Root speech, it is declared in responsible quarters, are regarded as of doubtful value and of dubious expediency.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who said yesterday that he would make his speech in reply to Root as contemplated, has determined, it is learned, to defer making his speech to a more propitious time.

Senator Stone's decision is taken as highly significant. The word went along the line today that the President felt this was no time for Congress to be adding verbal fuel to the flames of the international dispute.

Coupled with the disclosure that the President is opposed to having a resolution adopted warning Americans to keep off armed ships, this has tended to enhance the feeling that the German controversy is becoming critical.

Under the surface in Congress, both in Senate and House, there is a ferment of discussion over the submarine developments.

Many members are known to be apprehensive.

## Shields Power Bill Attacked in Senate

Norris Asserts Measure Gives Millions Away Forever Without Compensation.

## VERDUN GOAL OF GERMAN OFFENSE ON 15 MILE FRONT

Violent Attacks Hurling by Crown Prince Toward Strong French Fortress.

## FIERCE BATTLE CONTINUES

Enormous Losses Inflicted on Advancing Germans on Western Front.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—German troops have captured more than six miles of French trenches north of Verdun, according to an official statement from the war office this afternoon.

Three thousand French prisoners and great quantities of booty were taken. The German gain was in the neighborhood of Consenvoie and Azannes.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The Germans, under the crown prince, have launched a heavy offensive around Verdun, from the right bank of the Meuse to the Serre woods, the war office announced this afternoon.

They are attacking with many infantry regiments on a fifteen-mile front. Entire German battalions have been annihilated in the fierce struggle, according to German prisoners.

The French have evacuated Haumont forest, but have reoccupied Caures wood, which was evacuated yesterday.

Recapture Trenches. Violent fighting also continues in the Givency wood near Souches. The French have recaptured several of the trenches occupied by the Germans in their sudden offensive of Monday night.

The violent onslaught of the crown prince's army was preceded by a rolling fire of artillery that began on Sunday morning and continued through Monday and Tuesday night.

The French replied vigorously to this bombardment and brought up reserves to meet the expected attack.

Advance on Verdun. Heavy German infantry attacks were launched yesterday. The war office admitted last night that by particularly vicious onslaughts the Germans had occupied the Haumont woods and had broken the French salient north of Beaumont and about ten miles northeast of Verdun.

The attacks evidently were followed up last night by the inauguration of a general offensive movement, designed to throw back the whole French front.

The attack was met by a terrific fire from French guns, inflicting enormous losses on the advancing Germans.

Turks Preparing for Evacuation of Trebizond

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23.—Russian vanguards are within a few miles of Risch, thirty-five miles east of Trebizond, and the capture of Trebizond itself is now a few days distant, according to Tiflis dispatches today.

Armenian refugees, fleeing from the Christian quarter of Trebizond, outside the walls, have arrived within the Russian lines.

They report that the Turks have been expelling the Armenians from the stores since the fall of Erzerum, evidently planning no serious resistance.

We are continuing the pursuit of the remnants of the Turkish army, said an official statement from the war office today.

Statement today that the Bulgarians of the Caucasus, which brought enthusiastic demonstrations at the opening of the Duma, was followed by the official statement today that the Bulgarians on nearly every sector of the front from the Baltic to Roumania.

## Bulgars Resent German Attitude

Ill Feeling Grows, Says Correspondent—Would Welcome Russians.

## FOUR INQUIRIES ON TO FX BLAME FOR NEW HAVEN WRECK

Engineer of Local Train Alleged to Have Passed Two Set Block Signals.

## VICTIMS MAY GET \$500,000

More Than 125 Claims Already Presented and Scores More Are Expected.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 23.—Four investigations of the cause of the rear end collision on the New Haven railroad near Milford, Conn., yesterday, are under way today.

Coroner Eli Mix, of New Haven county, is investigating the cause of the ten deaths. His inquiry, he announced, will require several days.

The Connecticut public utilities commission, which has supervision over public service corporations throughout the State, has begun an inquiry. Charles C. Eiwel, of the commission, visited the scene, questioned railroad employees, and conferred with Coroner Mix. A full sitting of the commission began today.

The New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company is conducting an investigation.

J. S. Hawley, chief inspector of the Interstate Commerce Commission, arrived last night, and held an important conference. The meeting was attended by John Trumbull, chief engineer of the Connecticut public utilities commission; C. L. Bardo, general manager of the New Haven; J. A. Droege, general superintendent of the western division, and W. H. Foster, superintendent of the New York division.

McChord Arrives Today. The conference was ordered by Inspector Hawley in order that he might have facts to report to Commissioner C. C. McChord, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who is expected today. Mr. McChord directed the investigation into the North Haven wreck.

The investigations by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Connecticut public utilities commission will begin formally tomorrow. They must have been held in the offices of the New Haven's general manager.

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## Wants Large Fleet For Pacific Coast

Helplessness of Situation Is Declared by Congressman Stephens of California.

## SLATED FOR CONSULATE GENERAL IN MEXICO



JAMES LINN RODGERS.

## NEW CHARGES MADE AGAINST BRANDEIS ASKED ON FLETCHER

"Double-Dealing" Alleged by 55 Boston Lawyers Before Investigating Committee.

Massing their final attack on Louis D. Brandeis, fifty-five Boston lawyers, through their counsel, Austin G. Fox, today preferred three new charges of "double-dealing" against the President's nominee for the Supreme Court bench.

These charges are: 1. That in 1906 he acted for a protective committee of stockholders against the officers of the Equitable Life Assurance Company and that within nine months he appeared for the company as opposed to George G. Peters, a stockholder.

2. That he acted as attorney for a Mr. Stewart against the officers of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, alleged mismanagement of the Boston and Maine railway for the same practices which the fifty-five lawyers allege he aided Harriman to perform with the Illinois Central.

3. That he aided E. H. Harriman to gain control of the Illinois Central from Stuyvesant Fish in a deal which caused Roosevelt to call Harriman an undesirable citizen. It was at this time Brandeis was alleged to have been attacking officers of the Boston and Maine railway for the same practices which the fifty-five lawyers allege he aided Harriman to perform with the Illinois Central.

Fox today alleged that Brandeis deceived Roosevelt by stating that he had acted directly or indirectly for Harriman, but had said his partner had, Wadsworth Catchings, of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., will be produced, Fox said, to prove that Brandeis personally appeared.

## NO AERO MINISTER, ENGLAND DECIDES

Only One Addition To Be Made to British Cabinet.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The English cabinet will not be further enlarged by the creation of a ministry of aviation, it was stated authoritatively today, following announcement that Lord Robert Cecil will enter the cabinet as blockade minister.

Lord Derby, according to the News, will be named to head a joint naval and military air defense committee, with practically all the powers of a cabinet member, but will not be designated a minister.

Lord Cecil attended today's cabinet meetings in the capacity of blockade minister.

## Threatening Weather Is Promised for Tomorrow

Threatening weather, probably with rain tonight and tomorrow, is in store for Washington, according to the Weather Bureau.

The storm today is centered over the Ohio valley and is moving eastward. The rainfall is expected to be light, however, and temperatures will continue above freezing tonight, it is stated.

## SOLONS TURN DOWN SMITH AS EXCISE HEAD

Subcommittee by Vote of 3 to 2 Orders Adverse Report on His Nomination.

## PRESAGES HIS DEFEAT

Committee Due to Act at Meeting Friday — Chairman's Friends Disappointed.

Gen. R. G. Smith, chairman of the Excise Board, probably is defeated for confirmation.

The subcommittee of the Senate District Committee in charge of the case today met for a few minutes and by 3 to 2 ordered an adverse report on the nomination.

The vote was as follows: Against Smith—Senators Martin, Works and Jones.

For Smith—Senators Phelan and Saulsbury.

## LITTLE FORMALITY.

The action of the subcommittee was marked by little formality. When it met some of the members indicated they were ready to vote.

The motion for an adverse report was made by Senator Jones, and the motion prevailed.

The action of the subcommittee is looked on as showing that Smith's nomination cannot get a favorable report from the full District Committee.

With Senator Martin, leading Democrat, in opposition, the strongest Smith could muster would probably be half the committee. This would be insufficient to command a favorable report.

Friends of General Smith are much disappointed over the outcome.

Influence of Virginia. The fact that Virginia has gone dry is looked on as an important factor in the situation, since it has led Senator Martin to join with the anti-liquor forces in Congress on various issues.

The case of General Smith, who is a New Jersey man, has attracted much notice.

His opponents have charged that because the Excise Board, as alleged, has not lived up to the law, he did not deserve reappointment. The subcommittee of which Senator Phelan is chairman, recently held hearings and took much testimony in the case. The District Committee is expected to take up the case at its regular meeting on Friday.

## ORPET READY FOR LONG STAY IN JAIL

Accused Student Moves Belongings Into Cell.

WAUKESHA, Wis., Feb. 23.—Only a few pennants are lacking in wall decorations today to make William H. Orpet's cell at the Lake county jail appear like the room of a college student.

The Wisconsin University Junior, charged with the murder of Marian Lambert, prepared for a long stay in jail by moving many of his personal belongings to the big cell he shares with three other prisoners.

Young Orpet carefully groomed each day, to the surprise and amusement of his cellmates. Orpet's counsel have definitely decided to reserve all their strength for the trial and, beyond a plea of not guilty, will waive examination at the magistrate's hearing next Monday.

## Woman Who Killed Rival Showered With Bouquets

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Lindorff Defoe, who shot and killed Mrs. Rose McMaisters, was showered today by scores of bouquets, potted plants, and dainties from local people.

Mrs. Defoe expects to be cleared of the charge of murder on the ground of temporary insanity.

She claims that when she saw her husband with Mrs. McMaisters she lost her reason.

## 55 in One Great Tomb.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The bodies of fifty-five victims of the snowslide in the Alps, near Hocheck, were buried in one great tomb at Blachofaeben, after being transported to the spot on sledges, according to Salsburg dispatches today.